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Applicant : Aleksey G. Kazantsev *et al.* Art Unit : 1653
Serial No. : 09/933,638 Examiner : Anand U. Desai
Filed : August 20, 2001
Title : INHIBITION OF PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action mailed November 26, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-11). The election is made without traverse.

In keeping with the telephone conference between the undersigned and Examiner Desai, held on December 23, 2003, Applicants wish to clarify the record by noting the typographical error on page 2 of the Office action mailed November 26, 2003. Group III was described there as containing claims 15-17 and Group IV was described as containing claim 17. Upon review of the claims, the Examiner confirmed that this description was in error and that, instead, Group III should have been described as containing only claims 15 and 16. Thus, for the record, the originally filed claims are divided into four groups: Group I, containing claims 1-11; Group II, containing claims 12-14; Group III, containing claims 15 and 16; and Group IV, containing claim 17.

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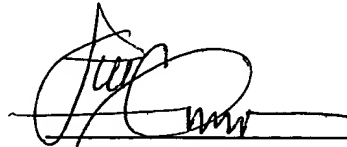
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No fees are believed due in connection with the present Response. If there are any fees, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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